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FOR: ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC PHOTORECEPTOR, AND IMAGE FORMING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS USING THE PHOTORECEPTOR

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**REFERENCES**

The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached European Search Report and cited in prior application serial number 09/985,347 and listed on form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

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Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	3,736,134	5/29/73	D.W. GOSSELINK, et al.			
	AB	4,820,620	4/11/89	D.J. CAROLLA			
	AC	6,030,733	2/29/00	KAMI, et al.			
	AD	6,136,483	10/24/00	SUZUKI, et al.			
	AE	6,026,262	2/15/00	KINOSHITA, et al.			
	AF	6,093,784	7/25/00	TAMURA, et al.			
	AG	5,747,204	5/5/98	ANZAI, et al.			
	AH	6,027,846	2/22/00	SHIMADA, et al.			
	AI	5,840,454	11/24/98	NAGAI, et al.			
	AJ	5,723,243	3/3/98	SASAKI, et al.			
	AK	5,942,363	8/24/99	TANAKA, et al.			
	AL	5,789,128	8/4/98	ADACHI, et al.			
	AM	5,846,680	12/8/98	ADACHI, et al.			
	AN	6,030,736	2/29/00	IKEGAMI, et al.			
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	AO	4-295855	10/20/92	JAPAN w/English Abstract			
	AP	8-292585	11/5/96	JAPAN			
	AQ	9-281718	10/31/97	JAPAN w/English Abstract			
	AR	2000-66434	3/3/00	JAPAN w/English Abstract			
	AS	43-16198	7/8/68	JAPAN w/Partial English Translation			
	AT	44-834	1/16/69	JAPAN w/Partial English Translation			
	AU	49-10258	3/9/74	JAPAN w/Partial English Translation			
	AV	53-13344	11/31/78	JAPAN w/English Abstract			
	AW	04240656A	8/92	JAPAN			
	AX	2000352832A	12/00	JAPAN			
<b>OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)</b>							
	AY	Derwent Abstracts, AN 1992-336267, JP 04-240656, August 27, 1992.					
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	AAA	6,045,959	4/4/00	KATAYAMA, et al.			
	AAB	6,066,428	5/23/00	KATAYAMA, et al.			
	AAC	5,976,746	11/2/99	TAMAKA, et al.			
	AAD	6,468,706	10/22/02	MATSUDA, et al.			
	AAE	6,406,826	6/18/02	SUZUKI, et al.			
	AAF	6,322,940	11/27/01	NISHIGAKI, et al.			
	AAG	5,028,502	7/2/91	YUH, et al.			
	AAH	5,100,453	3/31/92	RICHARDS			
	AAI	6,249,304	6/19/01	SAWAYAMA, et al.			
	AAJ	5,834,145	11/10/98	YOSHINAGA, et al.			
	AAK	6,366,751	4/2/02	SHAKUTO, et al.			
	AAL	5,999,773	12/7/99	YASUTOMI, et al.			
	AAM	5,928,828	7/27/99	SUZUKI			
	AAN	5,910,561	6/8/99	ADACHI, et al.			
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	AAO	55-157747	12/8/80	JAPAN w/English Abstract	YES		NO
	AAP	57-30846	2/19/82	JAPAN w/English Abstract			
	AAQ	2-4275	1/9/90	JAPAN w/English Abstract			
	AAR	4-281461	10/7/92	JAPAN w/English Abstract			
	AAS	0 655 654	5/31/95	EUROPE			
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	AAAB	6,191,249	2/20/01	TANAKA, et al.			
	AAAC	6,432,596	8/13/02	IKUNO, et al.			
	AAAD	6,319,878	11/20/01	INA, et al.			
	AAAE	5,702,855	12/30/97	IKEGAMI, et al.			
	AAAF	5,578,405	11/26/96	IKEGAMI, et al.			
	AAAG	5,339,138	8/16/94	MISHIMA, et al.			
	AAAH	5,496,671	3/5/96	TAMURA, et al.			
	AAAI	5,411,8276	5/2/95	TAMURA, et al.			
	AAAJ	4,942,104	7/17/90	KITAJIMA, et al.			
	AAAK	4,740,441	4/26/88	OTOMURA			
	AAAL	6,187,494	2/13/01	KAWAMURA, et al.			
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	ABB	6,444,387	9/3/02	RI, et al.			
	ACB	6,132,911	10/17/00	NIIMI			
	ADB	6,218,533	4/17/01	NIIMI			
	AEB	5,547,790	8/20/96	UMEDA, et al.			
	AFB	5,677,094	10/14/97	UMEDA, et al.			
	AGB	5,804,343	9/8/98	UMEDA, et al.			
	AHB	5,871,876	2/16/99	IKUNO, et al.			
	AIB	6,087,055	7/11/00	NIIMI			
	AJB	5,853,935	12/29/98	SUZUKI, et al.			
	AKB	6,118,964	9/00	KOJIMA, et al.			
	ALB	5,948,579	9/99	MASHIMO, et al.			
	AMB	4,663,259	5/87	FUJIMURA, et al.			
	ANB	4,766,048	8/88	HISAMUA, Masafumi			
	AOB	5,008,172	4/91	ROKUTANZONO, et al.			
	APB	6,300,027	10/01	CHAMBERS, et al.			
	AQB	6,492,081	12/02	MORIKAWA, et al.			
	ARB	2002/0048711	4/02	ITO, et al.			
	ASB	5,679,488	10/97	ITAMI, et al.			
	ATB	5,932,381	8/99	AKAO, et al.			
	AUB	2002/0011177	1/02	YAMAMORI, et al.			
	AVB	6,077,635	6/01	OKADO, et al.			
	AWB	6,243,552	6/01	MURATA, Jun			
	AXB	5,008,706	4/91	OHMORI, et al.			
	AYB	5,363,176	11/94	ISHIHARA, et al.			
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